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**Guide to Collection**

**Carrigan, Verna Hurley, collector**

**Verna Hurley Carrigan Photograph Collection, 1880-1945**

**PCA 312**

1 box  
23 folders  
Photographs, Postcards  
Correspondence, papers

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

In 1895, Ed Webster and Frank Bach founded The Juneau-Douglas City Telephone Company in Douglas, Alaska. By 1898, Bach had gone to the Klondike and Ed Webster purchased his partner's interest in the company and moved the operation to Juneau. In 1910, the business was re-named the Juneau-Douglas Telephone Company. In 1915, Webster built a switchboard station on what is today called Telephone Hill. After Mr. Webster's death in 1918, his wife, Anna, operated the business along with her children and grandchildren until it was sold to Continental Telephone Company in 1968.

Mrs. Verna Hurley Carrigan was the daughter of Minnie and Robert Hurley and the granddaughter of Ed and Anna Webster. Mrs. Carrigan lived in Juneau all of her life. Following in her grandmother's footsteps she served as the telephone company's vice president and chief operator. Verna Carrigan died in Juneau on July 24, 1992.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The photographs and other materials found in this collection reflect the Webster and Hurley families. The collection includes photographs by Winter and Pond, and Landerkin and Winter. Most of the views were collected by Verna's grandmother, Anna. Ed Webster's receipts from Juneau businesses were added May 29, 2002, Accession No. 89-27.

## INVENTORY

### Folder 1 (#1-22)

#### **Aleutian Chain, Alaska Peninsula & Seward**

- 1 Chignik, Alaska. Thwaites.
- 2 Castle Cape, near Chignik, Alaska. Thwaites.
- 3 Chignik, Alaska [group of native men, women & children posed on tracks at the dock(?)] Thwaites.
- 4 Nushagak, Alaska (view from water) Thwaites.
- 5 Native residence, barabara, Nushagak, Alaska. Bering Sea. Thwaites.
- 6 Nushagak River, Bristol Bay, Alaska. [boats and ships visible, but not identifiable] Thwaites.
- 7 Port Hayden, Bering Sea, Alaska [group of 6 native children] Thwaites.
- 8 SS Dora, Seldovia, Alaska [2 baidarka visible]

- 9 Seward, Alaska [showing main street taken from dock] Thwaites.
- 10 Uyak, Alaska. Taken from water, showing empty skiff, buildings on shore. Thwaites.
- 11 Eskimo fish cache, Bering Sea. Thwaites.
- 12 Bogoolof Island, Sept. 20, 1909.
- 13 Castle Cape near Chignik.
- 14 Barabara & natives at Nushagak.
- 15 Fish drying at Nushagak.
- 16 "Three Fates" of Nushagak (showing 3 native women in seal skin clothing)
- 17 Nushagak with "Rush" at dock.
- 18 Unalaska & Dutch Harbor from top of Ballyhoo.
- 19 [Unidentified- showing island from water]
- 20 [wharf with numerous skiffs, large ship, probably the "Rush" approaching]
- 21 [Native man in gut rain suit]
- 22 Officers of the Bering Sea fleet, 1909. [36 men (1 black) and dog in foreground]

**Folder 2 (#23-28)****Juneau - Businesses**

- 23 Kellogg C B board, Juneau, Als. 1913.
- 24 Pile driver for docks, Juneau, Alaska.
- 25 Drug store Juneau in the early days- interior [man with moustache, cat on a stool]
- 26 Office and switchboard, Alaskan Hotel, Juneau, Alaska.
- 27/28 [3 women working switchboard]

**Folder 3 (#29-43b)****Juneau - Individuals & Groups**

- 29-32 [Power lines to Thane?]

- 33 Juneau, AK- taken at Fred Darnell cabin, ca. 1920's. (back row) Capt. Ed MacDougall, Fred Lynch, Dr. Barton, Minnie Hurley, Roy Noland, Verna Hurley (front row) Bob Hurley, Miss Barton, Anna Webster, Ray Hurley, Rena Leivers, Auntie Mabel Blanck, and Mollie Lynch.
- 34 Mine strike, 1930's. A.J. office again. Note clubs in officers hands.
- 35 Sandy Beach, Douglas, Alaska [3 girls in bathing costumes]
- 36 Dog team near the old hospital. [Juneau, Alaska]
- 36a/39 [From Annex Creek Hydro to Thane over mountain pass – J.G.]
- 40 Scottish Rite reunion, Nome, Alaska, May 30-June 2, 1946.
- 41 [Men, women, & children group shot on front porch- Douglas, AK?]
- 42 Goddess of Liberty, Juneau, Alaska. July 4th, 1907. Case & Draper.
- 43 [Silas Gibson, Jack Timmins, Sim Jim Winn, Big Hart, Frank Barry, C.W. Young, Frank Young, Sally (Mrs. S.J.W.) Mrs. Frank Barry, Mrs. Frank Denisman, Mrs. Frank Bay [Barry], Mrs. C.W. Young] Descriptions taken from P277-18-81.
- 43a 1909 Douglas [baseball team – B.M. Behrends Co.?]
- 43b Annual Roll Call, Oct. 31, '28- B.P.O.E. Juneau Lodge 420.

**Folder 4 (#44-55)****Juneau Overall**

- 44 Juneau snowy street scene, February 1918. W.H. Case #53.
- 45 Snowy street scene Juneau Feb. 3, 1918. W.H. Case #34.
- 46 Juneau, Alaska. Feb., 3, 1918. W.H. Case #7.
- 47 Alaskan Hotel. Feb. 3, 1918. W.H. Case #23.
- 48 Jack Burford's cabin. Lemon Creek, Juneau, AK. [winter]
- 49 Lights of Juneau, Alaska "Season's Greetings" card.
- 50 Juneau [City Brewery in middle]
- 51 Leaving of first draft May 10, 1918, Juneau, Alaska. W.H. Case #138.

- 52 Corner of 5th & Main, Juneau, AK.
- 53 Res. of Chas. Rudy on Glacier Highway. Warm in Winter. Cool in Summer. "Built like a Thermos Bottle" by Concrete Products Mft. Juneau, Alaska.
- 54 Hydraulic mining near Juneau Alaska. Edward Webster.
- 55 Juneau school children, July 4th, 1907. Case & Draper.

**Folder 5 (#56-63)****Juneau - Vicinity**

- 56 Mendenhall Lake with skaters. "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" greeting card.
- 57 Ice skating at Mendenhall Glacier.
- 58 Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau, Alaska. 8-29-37. C.M.R.
- 59 [Mount Juneau]
- 60 [Eagle River Mine?]
- 61 Treadwell, AK – looking across to Thane.
- 62 Thane, AK [showing mine buildings]
- 63 Thane, Alaska [from water]

**Folder 6 (#64-75)****Landerkin & Winter**

- 64 Indian doctor lying in state, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.
- 65 Chilkoot Indian & blanket, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.
- 66 Indian graves near Juneau, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.
- 67 Indian Doctors grave, showing canoe and bones, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.
- 68 Chilcot (sp.) [Chilkoot] blanket and totem poles, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.
- 69 Takou (sp.) [Taku] Glacier.
- 70 Greek Church. Sitka, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.

- 71 City of Sitka, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.
- 72 [Mountain trail with teepees] Landerkin & Winter.
- 73 Street scene in Juneau, Alaska. [Decker Bros. storefront in foreground] Winter & Pond.
- 74 Laying pipe in Silver Bow Basin. Landerkin & Winter.
- 75 Winter in Silver Bow Basin, near Juneau, Alaska. Landerkin & Winter.

**Folder 7 (#76-103a)****Family Views – Webster/Hurley/Carrigan/Scott**

- 76 Verna Carrigan. Winter & Pond.
- 77 Carrie Webster Jorgenson. Winter & Pond.
- 78 Claude & Grace Webster. Winter & Pond.
- 79 Robert Hurley, Verna Hurley Carrigan, San Mateo, Calif.
- 80 Mr. Edward Webster – Juneau and Douglas Telephone Company, Telephone Hill, Juneau, Alaska.
- 81 Class of 1908 graduating picture – Minnie Scott.
- 82 Robert & Verna Hurley.
- 83 Raymond Hurley.
- 84 Marie Goldstein (daughter of Chas.) – Jessie Mack on Telephone Hill, Juneau, Alaska. (hand tinted)
- 85 Carrie Webster Jorgenson.
- 86 Douglas graduating class, 1908. Top row, far left – Mabel Scott, right – Minerva Scott Hurley (Verna Carrigan's mother). Twin sisters.
- 87 [Man in work boots, holding baby]
- 88 [Man in hat and work boots, seated, with 2 dogs]
- 89 Ed Webster [on phone – shadowy picture]
- 90 Ed "Daddy" Webster.

- 91 Anna and Minnie Scott Hurley.
- 92 Anna Webster – Minnie Scott Hurley.
- 93 Anna Webster.
- 94 Hurley-Simpkins-Harmon house on East Street, where Verna Carrigan was born. Juneau, Ak.
- 95 [unidentified man]
- 96 [unidentified man and woman]
- 97 [unidentified- 2 men] tintype.
- 98 Minnie Hurley – Verna Hurley Carrigan (baby)
- 99 Robert Hurley – Verna Hurley Carrigan (baby)
- 100 Robert Hurley – Verna Hurley Carrigan (baby)
- 101 Minnie Hurley – Verna Hurley Carrigan (baby)
- 102 Minnie Hurley – Verna Hurley Carrigan (baby)
- 103 Charles Whipple, Supt. Thane, Alaska. Winter & Pond.
- 103a Verna Hurley Carrigan, 1939 (at telephone switchboard)

**Folder 8 (#104-113b)****Ships**

- 104/105 [Ship underway- unidentified- possibly “Manning”?]
- 106 [Unidentified sail fishing boat]
- 107 [blurry view of what appears to be same boat as 104/105]
- 108 U.S.C.G. Cutter Unalga. H.W. Steward.
- 109 “Northwestern” on Eagle River sand spit. Winter & Pond.
- 110 “Northwestern” (ship) [hand tinted in front of a glacier]
- 111 [Blurry photo of sailing ship and what appears to be same boat as 104/105]

- 112      “Ancon” (ship) at Loring, Ak. Sept. 1889 – partially submerged- appears broken in half.
- 113      [drawing of a ship]
- 113a     “Farallon”
- 113b     [Unidentified- possibly same boat as 104/105]

**Folder 9 (#114-119a)****Sitka**

- 114      Gold Creek near Juneau Alaska.
- 115      Sitka – on the steps of St. Michael Orthodox Church [man and 7 children on steps]
- 116      Sitka. Winter & Pond.
- 117      Sitka (Josie and Arthur Restaurant and Bakery in foreground, St. Michael’s Church in background).
- 118      Sitka (after 1889, before 1914).
- 119      Lover’s Lane in Indian River Park at Sitka, Alaska.
- 119a     Sitka.

**Folder 10 (#120-132)****Southeast Alaska – 10 Views, ca. 1880-1910**

- 120      Child’s Glacier, Alaska.
- 121      Log Cabin Church, Juneau (Interior).
- 122      Juneau.
- 123      [unidentified]
- 124      [unidentified- possibly Silver Bow mine?]
- 125      The Silver Bow Saloon.
- 126      The Bear’s Nest. Edward DeGroff #453.
- 127      Lighthouse. Harrison Bros.
- 128      Totem poles, Fort Wrangell.



- 129 Lime Stone Inlet, Alaska, Aug. 21, 1910 [family picnic?].
- 130 2 large carcasses hanging in building (moose?). Three men standing by them are dwarfed by the carcasses.
- 131 Packers ascending summit of Chilkoot Pass. c1898 E.A. Hegg #97.
- 132 The last climb to the summit of Chilkoot Pass. c1898. E.A. Hegg #207.

**Folder 11 (#133-141)****Tlingits**

- 133 Kowee on exhibition (lying in state).
- 134 Cremation of Kowee at Auk Village near Juneau.
- 135 [Native woman in button blanket]
- 136 [Group of native men in regalia]
- 137 [Group of native men and women in regalia]
- 138 [Group of 4 native men in regalia]
- 139 Indian Chief Saganaw Jake.
- 140 [Native family in western dress]
- 141 [Group of native school children in western dress]

**Folder 12 (#142-150)****Unidentified Miscellaneous**

- 142 [4 unidentified men]
- 143 Hadlock Alcohol Carpenters, April 9th, 1910. Construction of building.
- 144 [4 log buildings – possibly Camp #305?]
- 145 “My palatial residence at Camp #305”
- 146 [3 men with gold sluice on beach]
- 147 Bill Butler’s team – Fairbanks, Alaska [dog sled]
- 148 [3 men posed on bow of boat with glasses in hand]

149 [Hydraulic mining operation]

150 Road to the Basin near Juneau Alaska.

**Folder 13 (#151)**

**Framed print**

151 Framed print- see **PCA Oversize**. Japanese seal poacher – taken from the deck of the old “Dora” by Robt. C. Hurley. Not enuf wind to move the boat so the Japs were trying to tow it outside of the 3-mile limit. 1st Jap boat spotted by Coast Guard in Alaskan waters. Picture enlarged by Winter & Pond – at the time, many copies were sold by them- created much excitement.

**Folder 14 (#151a-192)**

**Alaskan Postcards**

151a Razorback clam – Warrenton Clam Co. – Cordova Alaska. Boat pictured: “Chinook” [parody picture - clam is as big as the boat]

152 Fairbanks Depot. The Alaska Railroad.

153 Course of sun Dec. 21. Fairbanks. 20 min. intervals.

154 Waterwheel. Ketchikan Creek Alaska. c1905 Case & Draper. Colorized version created 1992.

155 Indian Community House – Ketchikan.

156 Seppala’s racing team.

157 “Bear” caught in the ice.

158 Alaska dog team.

159 Old Russian block house at St. Michaels, Alaska, built 1883. c1908 by F.H. Nowell. Colorized version created 2002.

160 Eskimo walrus hunter, Alaska. Photo only copyright by F.H. Nowell. Colorized version created commercially.

161 Native women weaving baskets, Alaska. Winter & Pond. Colorized version created commercially.

162 Eskimo women showing manner of carrying their children. Colorized version created commercially

- 163 "Pa – Ruck" c1905 F. H. Nowell. [native child in fur clothing]
- 164 C130. Mickaninie's Kow Kow.
- 165 A-Pa-Look and family, Cape Douglass, Alaska. Photo only copyright by F.H. Nowell. Colorized version created commercially.
- 166 Native from Big Diomed Island, Alaska, carrying seal pokes on back. Colorized version created commercially.
- 167 C136. Midnight sun on the Yukon, Alaska.
- 168 5621. U.S. Battleship Maryland at Seward Alaska.
- 169 Native from Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska. Photo copyrighted by F.H. Nowell, 1905.
- 170 700: - two of a kind sisters. [bare breasted native women]
- 171/172 St. Michael's Cathedral, Sitka, Alaska.
- 173 C128. Russian Church, Sitka, Alaska.
- 174 Old Russian trading post store – Sitka, Alaska.
- 175 Scenic view of Russian Church, Unalaska.
- 176 Moose – Kenai Peninsula, Alaska.
- 177 Kicksetti Totem and Sun House, Wrangell, Alaska.
- 178 Gasoline river boat "Telegraph" ascending Stikine River.
- 179 Castle Cape near Chignik, Alaska. (same as #2)
- 180 Port Hayden, Bering Sea, Alaska (same as #7)
- 181 Suspension bridge and tunnel, Placer Canyon, Alaska. c1906 by Case & Draper. Colorized 1994.
- 182 Black Lake, Alaska.
- 183 Ice cave, Mendenhall Glacier, near Juneau, Alaska.
- 184 "Northwestern" Juneau, Alaska Jan. 22, 1916.
- 185 Treadwell Mine, Alaska. 300 Stamp Mill. [colorized]

- 186 Street scene, Douglas Alaska. [colorized]
- 189 Steamer "Humboldt", Juneau, Alaska. Case & Draper.
- 190 Madona in St. Michael's Church, Sitka, Alaska.
- 191 [dup. of # 168]
- 192 [homemade postcard on leather]

**Folder 15 (#193-195)****First Official Airmail Plane**

- 193 First official airmail plane – May 3, 1938 – Juneau-Fairbanks. Cann photo.
- 194 International mail inspector, handing miniature mail bag to pilot Terry Jones.
- 195 Fairbanks officials, University Cadets, High School Band, First Air Mail Flight – Fairbanks to Juneau, Ala.

**Folder 16 (#196-209)****Hurley/Carrigan Family Photos**

- 196 Minnie Scott Hurley
- 197 Minnie and Mabel Scott – Douglas, AK? Minnie Hurley was Verna Carrigan's mother.
- 198 Verna Carrigan. Kennell-Ellis photographers.
- 199 Roy Carrigan working on telephone lines.
- 200 Verna and Roy Carrigan.
- 201 Juneau Court House on Telephone Hill. Verna Carrigan (far right)
- 202 Telephone Hill, Juneau, Ak.
- 203/204 Jan. 27, 1940 – Mrs. Webster's birthday party. L-R seated: Mrs. Geo. Jorgensen, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Leivers, Verna, Mrs. Duncan. Standing: Geo Jorgensen, Raymond, Armond Duncan, Minnie, Dot, Bob and Red Williams.
- 205 Bert Miller – 2nd Steward S.S. Queen ; C. Bishop, White Horse [?] ; A. Wakeful – Cinn. Ohio ; L. Carrigan – Juneau; Lawyer L.A. Coe ; Mrs. Edith Brown – Seattle.
- 206 On Telephone Hill, Juneau, Alaska [2 women]
- 207 Verna Carrigan

208 [Picnic – 5 women posed drinking out of wine bottles.]

209 Mother & I – 1908 Douglas, Alaska. Minnie Scott Hurley and Anna Webster.

**Folder 17 (#210-232)**

**Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.**

210 Kenny Kearney (w/cigarette) Juneau-Douglas Tel. Co.

211 Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

212 Raymond Hurley – Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

213 Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

214 Cutover Jan. 1958. Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

215-221 Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

222 Dave Vincent - Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

223-225 Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

226 R-L : “Stick”aler Sturrock, Ray Norland, Bob Hurley, Installer, Mayo McSpadden, Waino Hendrickson 1957. Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

227 Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

228 Opening day- Telephone office, 1952. Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

229 Raymond Hurley. Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

230 Juneau-Douglas Telephone Co.

231 “Rules for Operating Room” – by order of Mrs. Anna Webster, Pres.

232 [letter to B.M. Behrends from Edw. Webster- dated Dec. 31st, 1903. Written on “Office of Juneau and Douglas Telephone System” letterhead]

**Folder 18 (#233-242)**

**Unidentified Miscellaneous**

233 F. K. Johnson, August 7, 1929 [man in uniform]

234 Dr. Rice – U.S.C.G. – Unalga.

235 Ensign Thompson (Sleeping Beauty) – U.S.C.G.- Unalga.

- 236 Lieut. Haugen – U.S.C.G. – Unalga (1921 yearbook)
- 237 [Group of boys seated on and around couch] dated March 3, 1930.
- 238 [2 ships docked – location unknown]
- 239 [Group of buildings along a beach]
- 240 [Line of buildings/homes along shore – taken from the water]
- 241 [Group of men on porch of house on pilings]
- 242 [Group of buildings along beach]

**Folder 19 (#243-249a)****Letters**

243-249 Letters to Edward Webster from Adda Pracker of California, ca. 1881-85

**Folder 20 (#250-260)****Empty, addressed, stamped envelopes**

250-260 Postmarks-Alaska related

**Folder 21 (#261-271)****Alaskana documents**

261-271 Alaska documents: Tickets, poems, Sitka Hot Springs brochure, business cards, Juneau High School Commencement Week Program Class of 1931 & 1933, letter

**Folder 22 (Unnumbered – Acc. #89-27)****Miscellaneous receipts – Juneau Businesses****Folder 23 (Unnumbered)****Miscellaneous documents (non Alaska)**